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SUMMARY: AFTER REVIEW OF MATTER AT HIGHEST LEVELS, INCLUDING PRESIDENT SUHARTO, GOI HAS DECLINED OUR REQUEST THAT ITS GENEVA DELEGATION BE INSTRUCTED TO OPPOSE INVITATION TO PRG TO ATTEND LOW CONFERENCE. INDONESIAN DELEGATION WILL PROBABLY TAKE POSITION THAT IT HAS NO OBJECTION TO PRG PARTICIPATION AND ABSTAIN ON VOTING. END SUMMARY

1. PER INSTRUCTIONS REF A, CHARGE RAISED ISSUE OF INVITATION TO PRG TO LOW CONFERENCE WITH ACTING FONMIN SJARIF THAJEB IN MEETING FEB 20 AM (FONMIN MALIK AND ALMOST ENTIRE TOP ECHELON OF FONDEPT
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NOW IN LAHORE FOR ISLAMIC FONMIN AND SUMMIT

MEETINGS.)

2. THAJEB SAID HE WOULD DK MEETING WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO LATER IN MORNING AND WOULD SEEK DECISION FROM PRESIDENT ON OUR REQUEST THAT INDONESIAN DELEGATION BE INSTRUCTED TO OPPOSE, PREFERABLY THROUGH PUBLIC EXPRESSION, INVITATION TO PRG TO PARTICIPATE IN LOW CONFERNECE. THAJEB AVOIDED MAKING ANY COMMITMENT BUT MADE SYMPATHETIC NOISES, EG, HE AGREED WITH CHARGE'S ARGUMENT THAT POSITION TAKEN BY SEA NATIONS COULD BE INFLUENTIAL ON OTHER DELEGATIONS (AS WAS INDONESIAN ROLE ONCAMBODIAN REPRESENTATION AT UNGA LAST FALL); HE ALSO SAID HE UNDERSTOOD OUR POINT THAT, GIVEN VERY CLOSE VOTE EXPECTED, ABSTENTION BY INDONESIA WOULD NOT BE OF MUCH HELP. HE SAID THAT DECISION ON THIS MATTER WOULD BE CONVEYED TO US LATER IN THE DAY THROUGH

MRS WIRJOSAPUTRO, ACTING DIRGEN FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS.

3. MRS WIRJOSAPUTRO TELEPHONED AT 2:30PM TO STATE THAT THAJEB HAD ASKED THAT SHE INFORM US THAT GOI FELT IT MUST STICK WITH INSTRUCTIONS ALREADY GIVEN INDONESIAN DELEGATION, IE, THAT GOI HAS "NO OBJECTION" TO PARTICIPATION OF PRG OVER ANY OTHER SIMILAR ENTITY IN LOW CONFERENCE SINCE IT FEELS IT DESIRABLE THERE BE BROADCAST POSSIBLE REPRESENTATION IN SUCH CONFERENCES. IN TAKING THIS POSITION, INDONESIAN DELEGATION WOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT GOI POSITION ON PGC PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE IN NO WAY IMPLIES CHANGE IN INDONESIAN POLICY OF NON-RECOGNITION OF PRG.

4. MRS WIRJOSAPUTRO DID NOT STATE DIRECTLY HOW INDONESIA WOULD VOTE, BUT IMPLIED DELEGATION WOULD PROBABLY ABSTAIN.

5. IN COURSE OF SIMULTANEOUS DEMARCHE TO HEAD OF AMERICAN DIRECTORATE SAMIL BY POL COUNSELOR, SAMIL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SAID ANOTHER REASON GOI DISINCLINED OPPOSE PRG PARTICIPATION IS FACT THAT GOI REGARDS LOW CONFERENCE AS MORE OF A RED CROSS AND LEGAL MATTER THAN AS GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT MATTER. HE NOTED THAT DEL HEAD MRS ARTATI MARZUKI WAS ALSO VICE PRESIDENT OF INDONESIAN RED CROSS ND DEL MEMBER SUHANDA ILVAS WAS SECGEN OF RED CROSS.

COMMENT: RESULT OF DEMARCHE DISAPPOINTING BUT
SINCE GOI HAS DECLINED OUR REQUEST AFTER REVIEW
AT HIGHEST LEVELS, INCLUDING PRESIDENT SUHARTO,
WE SEE NO COURSE OPEN TO EMBASSY WHICH
COULD DISSUADE GOI FROM CHOSEN COURSE.
GOI POSITION, IN OUR VIEW, RESULTS FROM
COMBINATION OF A) DETERMINATION MAINTAIN NON-ALIGNED
CREDENTIALS; B) DESIRE KEEP OPEN OPTIONS TOWARD PRG
(MALIK TOLD ASST SECRETARY INGERSOLL FEB 15 HE HAD
FAIRLY RECENTLY OFFERED INDONESIAN RECOGNITION TO PRG
ON CONDITION GOI SIMULTANEOUSLY RECOGNIZE GVN,
OFFER WHICH SSRG REFUSED); AND C) RELUCTANCE, IN SIGHT
OF POSITION ON ICCS, TAKE SIDES ON ISSUES INVOLVING
GVN AND PRG.
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